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Appln. No.: 10/088,304

Filed: March 15, 2002

For: PROGRAM PROVIDING SYSTEM

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- ☒ Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Copy of Japanese Office Action, Form PTO-1449, 3 Cited References (D3-5)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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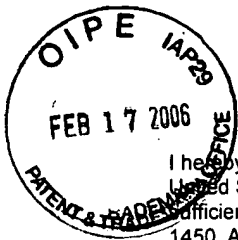
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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. Patent Documents

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
5,751,335	05/12/1998	Shintani
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JP H08-251121 A	09/27/1996	Sony Corporation
JP H11-306068 A	11/05/1999	Sony Corporation
JP 2000-023134 A	01/21/2000	Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). References D3-D5 were cited in an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is attached to this Statement. References D3-D5 are in Japanese. For references D1 and D3, Applicants are disclosing reference D1 and D2, which are the U.S. counterparts of references D1 and D3 respectively. For reference D4, Applicants are submitting an English translation.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

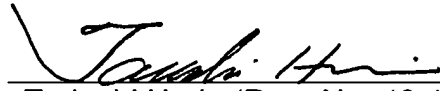
As noted on the first page of the Japanese Office Action, it was mailed January 31, 2006. For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement.

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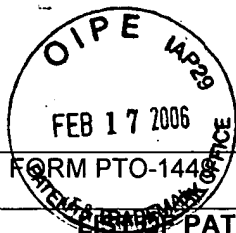
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